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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

 These annexes consist of a total of 13 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I ☒ Basis of the opinion
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-10 received on 28.11.2003 with letter of 26.11.2003

Claims, Numbers

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Drawings, Sheets

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Independent claim 1

- 1.1 The combination of features proposed in the independent **claim 1** of the present application cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (*Article 33(3) PCT*) for the following reasons:
- 1.2 **D1** is considered in this case, to be the most relevant prior art document and shows the following features:
 - an electronic board for playing bingo (12) forming squares (16) containing numbers, said squares are suitable for being placed over switches (22) such that when the squares are pressed the switches activate or deactivate a light (50) or LED (55) located under the said square such that these are illuminated or not (see fig. 1-6 and col. 1, ln.52 to col. 2, ln. 15, and col. 2 and ln. 50 to col. 3, ln. 61).
- 1.3 Switches (22) can be either push buttons, hence electro-mechanic (cf. col. 3, ln. 31-37), or these can be pressure sensors, hence electronic switches (cf. col. 3, ln. 51-56).
- 1.4 **D3** shows a reset button (72-CLR) suitable for clearing the game (resetting the circuits) at the end of the play (cf. col. 4, ln. 14-16, 38-40, col. 5, ln. 28-31).
- 1.5 Therefore, it would be an obvious step for the person skilled in the art to combine the feature of the electronic reset button with the device described in **D1** (electronic pressure sensors) and arrive at the same subject-matter as defined in **claim 1** without exercising an inventive step.

Therefore, the requirements of the *ARTICLE 33(3) PCT* are not fulfilled.

2. Dependent claim 2-10

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- 2.1 Dependent **claim 2-10** do not contain any feature which in combination with the feature of the **claim 1** or to the dependent claims to which they refer, meet the requirements of the *PCT* in respect of inventive step *ARTICLE 33(3)* the reasons being as follows:
- 2.2 The features defined in the remaining dependent claims **2-10** such as: LED, LCD, flip-flops and microprocessors, are known in the art of electronic circuits. The subject-matter of the dependent **claims 2-10** do not involve an inventive step in the sense *ARTICLE 33(3)* since, the person skilled in the art would easily combined this feature with the device described in **D1 and D3** and arrive at the same subject-matter as defined in any of the objected **claims 2-10** without exercising an inventive step.

Hence, the requirements of the *ARTICLE 33(3) PCT* are not fulfilled.